Assume time T. V Net-work to promote tourism

1160. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to utilise assume time TV net-work to promote tourism; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and whether any beginning has been made in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM : (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) The Ministry of Tourism, through its overseas offices, has launched advertising campaigns on TV net-works using prime time wherever available and feasible within the budgets provided to these offices to promote India as a tourist destination.

(b) The TV campaign was first launched in the United Kingdom three years ago Subsequently such campaigns were launched in the U S A Australia, Singapore, Europe, West Asia and East Asia. Almost every aspect of India as a great tourist destination is projected through these campaigns.

Supply of date expired medicines in the hospitals in Delhi

1161 SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that date exipred drugs are being supplied in Delhi Hospitals, and such old stock is being distributed to patients even since the pharmacists's strike;

(b) whether a complaint to this effect has been made by the All India Organisation of Drugs Consumers; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to safeguard the health of patients in city hospitals ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No complaint has ben received from All India Organisation of Drug Consumers including others.

(c) Does not arise.

Preservation of Monuments in Delhi

1162. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names and their details of the ancient monuments in Delhi which have been declared to be of national importance, and what are the criteria adopted for the purpose;

(b) whether it is a fact that the condition of these monuments has deteriorated; and

(c) what steps have been and are being taken to preserve these monuments properly ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) A list of centrally protected monuments/sites in Delhi giving their names and location is attached as Annexure [*See* Appendix CXL IV, Annexure No 44]. The assessment of ancient and historical monuments which are more than 100 years old is based on archaeological historical and architectural value for determining their national importance.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The centrally protected monuments and sites are looked after and maintained by Archaeological Survey of India and necessary repairs are carried out from time to time according to their requirements as assessed by regular inspection within the funds available for the purpose. At important monuments round the clock vigil is provided for ensuring their security and safety.